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Mayor is supposed to be nonpartisan administrator

I was glad to read that all three Westland mayoral candidates are election-year Democrats.

Democrats are better than Republicans every year.

But nobody should forget the mayor is a nonpartisan administrator.

Picture of a stage murder in school play was in bad taste

I saw the [March 18] Eyewitness. It was in very bad taste.

On the front page in the article about the John Glenn High school play ("The Great High School Whodunit!," a murder mystery), you have a picture of a girl pointing a gun at a kid.

With what is going on in school nowadays, I think that this article was in bad taste.

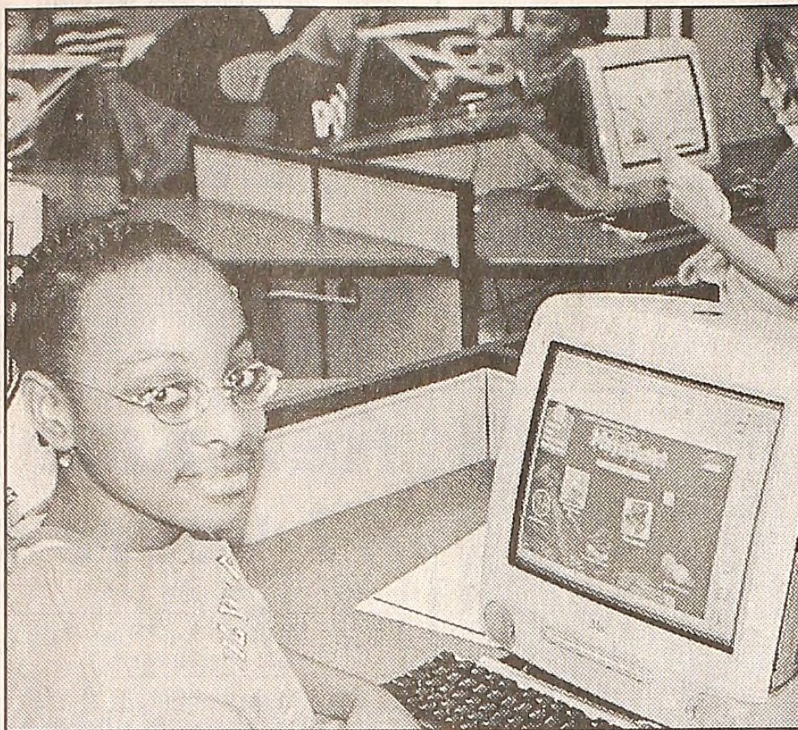
Caller threatens paper over article of Sumpter politics

This is short and sweet. I read your Belleville Enterprise today.

On the front page you said that Marv Banotai won [the Sumpter supervisor election] by 54 votes.

Who was your reporter? You will be hearing from our lawyer [The article said that he lost. It should have said that he lost the August primary by 75 votes to Mr. Parraghi — Ed.]

Banotai was beat 4-1, 2,748-702 [in the general election]. So don't stir up more garbage. I don't know who your reporter talks to, but she was wrong.



Cory 6th grader Yetunde Emanuel has her new I-Mac computer tuned in to Mayan ruins.

Cory students take 15-day Central America cyber trip

Cory Elementary students recently got to take an unusual "cyber trip" to Central America. In a special 15 day after school program, Cory students went online in order to experience this unique expedition.

Students were recommended for this enrichment activity based on their academic performance. Teacher Sam Bonam and the Cory Media Technician Lorne

Cook helped to orientate the students so they could arrive at the correct internet site.

As the title suggests the "Maya Quest" allowed students to study many of the Mayan ruins and answered many questions about the life style of the people. The students traveled by bicycle and got to view a variety of picturesque scenes along the way.



Middle School Symphonic Band members enjoy their straight one rating at the district festival. From left to right are Brian Rodger, Candace Lawrence, Lindsay Sharp, Samantha Lipkowski and Amica Coate.

M.S. band scores perfect "1"

March 17th at the annual District Band Festival competition, Romulus Middle School received a I for both Concert and Symphonic Bands. A performance rated a I is superior, performances rated a II, III or IV have some flaws, and a performance rated a V is unacceptable.

At Festival, bands perform a prepared musical piece, and "sight read" a musical piece. Sight reading can be the most difficult because it involves a piece of music the children have never seen before.

Children are judged on a num-

ber of criteria including tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, and interpretation.

Romulus Middle School Concert Band got a I in all categories, but a II in sight reading for an overall score of I. The Symphonic Band got a I in all categories, including sight reading.

The bands made second year Middle School band director Mark Fernandez proud, as this is the first time that both Middle School Bands got a I at district festival since 1994.

The Romulus High School Concert and Symphonic bands also

did well at the District Festival held at the Flatrock High School Auditorium. The Concert Band had a final score of I, and the Symphonic Band received a final overall score of II.

"I am happy to see that all of the bands did so well," concluded Henry James, director of the high school bands, and head of the Romulus Schools Music Department.

Bands that receive a I at the District Festival competition qualify to go to the statewide festival in May and April.



Ethel LaMar

Church honors food coordinator

Parks Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church will be celebrating Ethel LaMar Day on Saturday, April 7 at 6 p.m. The event will inaugurate the LaMar Scholarship Fund which will provide support to youth members of the church.

Over the years, LaMar served Parks Memorial as a church school teacher, choir member, president of the Sarah Waters Women's Missionary Society, and as a delegate to several A.M.E. conferences. Until her health failed at age 90, in 1997, she attended church every week.

Additionally, LaMar was instrumental in the organization of the Wayne Out County Nutrition Program. Initiated in Romulus, this program spread to eleven other communities.

For more information call Thelma Matthews at 941-2294.

First step offers help to domestic violence victims

Often women and children facing abuse feel that there is nowhere to turn, and nobody to help, but there is hope for them if they will just take that first, often frightening, step and call the First Step Victim Advocate Program.

First Step, located in donated office space in the Romulus Police station, helps women and children from Romulus, Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and Huron Township. There are offices also located at 8 other locations in the Western Wayne County, Downriver areas, including the Inkster and Westland Police Stations.

The First Step Program reaches out to women who have reported a sexual assault, or have called the police because they are in fear for their lives from a spouse or partner.

Within the first 24 hours of a reported assault, the First Step Program attempts to connect victims with resources in the community that can help them. "We're a support system," said Shareia Carter, victim advocate.

Along with helping abused women, First Step services are also geared to help the children stuck in the middle of an abusive situation. Studies show that the majority of battered women have children who are also hurt both physically and emotionally by the violence in their homes. In families where woman battering occurs, the rate of child abuse or serious neglect is 1500% higher than the national average.

"These abusive situations are dangerous," said Carter. Because of the danger factor, the First Step Program offers shelter for women and children who have nowhere else to go to get out of the abusive home. They never turn victims away. Carter noted, "There are moments we are packed to capaci-

ty but we find other resources. We will call another agency or put them up in a hotel."

In addition to responding to police incidents, Carter is on call from area hospitals to give immediate help to women who have been admitted because of rape or abuse. Along with providing counseling, they encourage women to escape abusive situations by telling them that they do not deserve to be abused.

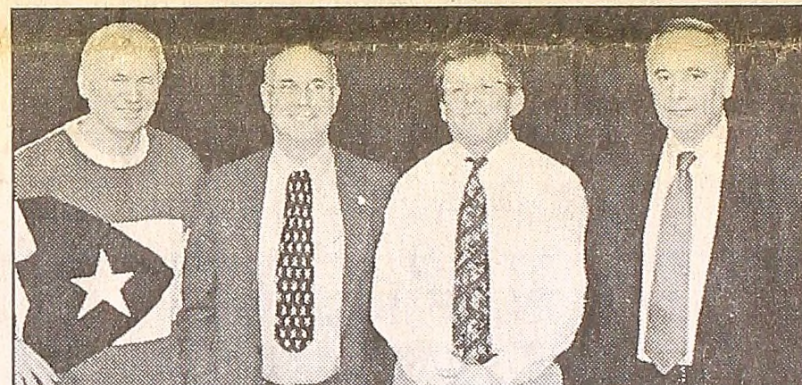


Charia Carter

Domestic Violence is believed to be one of the most common yet least reported crimes in the country. "Some women don't want to prosecute for fear, but we tell them that if they don't do this now it could get worse. Some women aren't ready, so we don't force them," said Carter.

For those women who are ready to take steps to insure their safety, a victim advocate will go to court to help them get a personal protection order, and counsel them how to handle situations when the abuser violates this order.

Carter would like women facing abuse to know that there is help. "Just reach out." She added, "It may not be you, but you may know of someone who can benefit from our services." People needing help can call the 24 hour helpline at 1-888-453-5900.



Romulus teachers approved a recent 2-year contract extension. From left to right are Terry Bird, negotiator, Neil Oldham, Wayne County MEA President, Larry Digon, Wayne County MEA Vice-President and Jim Orme, Romulus Education Association President.

Teachers agree to contract extension

The Romulus teachers and the Wayne County Education Association have reached agreement with the Romulus Board of Education on a two year contract extension. The agreement will extend the current three year master agreement and provide a 3% raise for each additional year.

Superintendent Joel Carr was pleased with the agreement noting that "the stability this exten-

sion provides will be very important for our teachers and will help to provide everyone with the framework necessary to achieve excellence in the educational process."

This is the first time in the history of Romulus teacher negotiations that a contract has been reached before the expiration of the existing agreement.

Substance abuse task force offers scholarships

The Romulus Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force has established scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to be awarded to individuals continuing their education in a post secondary school, college, or trade school. The money can be used for tuition, fees, books or materials directly related to course requirements.

The vocational studies being recognized for awards include, health occupations, culinary arts, CAD, auto mechanics, video/photography, computers, home building, masonry, electrician, plumb-

ing, heating & cooling, office secretarial, welding, auto body repairing, aviation technicians, electronics, airplane mechanics, and law enforcement.

Applicants for the scholarships have to be a Romulus resident, and can include high school seniors, student in the alternative education program, or adults returning to school. Applications must be submitted to the Mayor's Office or to a school counselor by April 1 to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

School board attempts to build bridge to community

Citizens voice their concerns

In an apparent move to calm the turbulent political waters caused by a series of allegations levied by the Inkster School Board against Edison Schools, and counter-accusations by Edison of the school board's alleged violation of their contract, five members of the Inkster School Board met with community leaders and citizens Thursday night.

"This meeting was called to ad-

dress some of the concerns we have heard over the past few days," said Jacqueline Sledge, a school board member.

Sledge went on to say that School Superintendent Terry Boguth, as well as other board members - Antoine Shaw, Sandra Motley-Cook, Priscilla J. Cook, and Areeda Q. Whitner - would entertain questions after the board clarified points raised by Edison's attorney.

In a letter to School Board President John Rucker, Edison's attorney, David A. Graff, accused the school board of violating the terms of the contract signed between Edison and the school board on June 29, 2000. The allegations were levied shortly after the board adopted a resolution

that was highly-critical of Edison's performance in the school district.

Boguth provided the audience with a brief history of the events leading up to the contract. She pointed out that the school district had incurred two consecutive years of deficits, which violated state law and an invitation to a state takeover of the district.

She noted that the state had threatened to take over the district on more than one occasion, therefore, the former school board decided to seek a partnership and entertained three proposals from separate school management teams, but eventually decided to award Edison a five-year contract.

Edison offered to eliminate the school district's apparent \$1.9 million deficit, infuse more than \$4

million into the school district and offered the best solutions to the district's myriads of problems.

"Edison took a risk on Inkster," said Boguth, who pointed out that the issues are manageable. "Let's move forward for the district's and the children's sake."

Geneva Lyles, president of the Inkster Federation of Teachers, told the gathering that she was displeased with Edison, that the administration had not offered support to teachers or a viable curriculum, and she had on several occasions asked for information but was denied it.

"Since August, I have asked for information and to date have not received that information."

Boguth requested that Lyles make her requests directly to her

office and that she would receive it.

Shaw reminded the gathering that the school district is in dire financial straights. He said the recent revelation that school buses are inoperable and that the state has "red tagged" them is further evidence that "we needed help."

Sledge pointed out that the board "seems to be divisive" and that "a better understanding is needed for all of us."

"Understand this - we have a five-year contract with Edison and they are here. We must make this work. We can't breach the contract with them."

George Williams, former school board president who was a key player in the Edison-Board contract negotiations, told the audi-

ence that the school district had no alternative but to seek a partner.

"We did not have any choice. As a school district we were facing a \$1.7 million deficit and the state was going to take us over. That's why Edison came here," Williams said.

Williams urged the gathering to put aside politics and "think about the children."

Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr. agreed with Williams that the children must come first.

"We have to be careful here. It is a very important issue. If you remember to put the city first and the kids first, you will make the right decisions."

Health awareness project launched in community

The Inkster Community Health Initiatives project will get underway tomorrow (Friday, March 30) in the City of Inkster.

The project will focus on health issues and health concerns facing African-American males.

Inkster Community Health Initiative Committee members say the program will utilize local barber shops as a vehicle to publicize the project. Committee members will be at Geno's Salon, 1339 Inkster Road, at noon, and at Marcel's Unisex Salon, 646 Inkster Road, beginning at 2 p.m.

"We'll have resource materials, videos, health screenings and health-related activities provided through this initiative," stressed Rebecca Brown-Slay, who, with Shirley Williams, is coordinating the project locally.

The project organizers point out that the program is under the auspices of the Wayne County Department of Health, Office of Minority Health.

Other participating organizations include: Inkster Community Investment Partnership, the Inkster Optimist Club, Inkster Teen Health Center, Inkster Weed

& Seed, United Way Community Services - Western Wayne and YWCA of Western Wayne County.

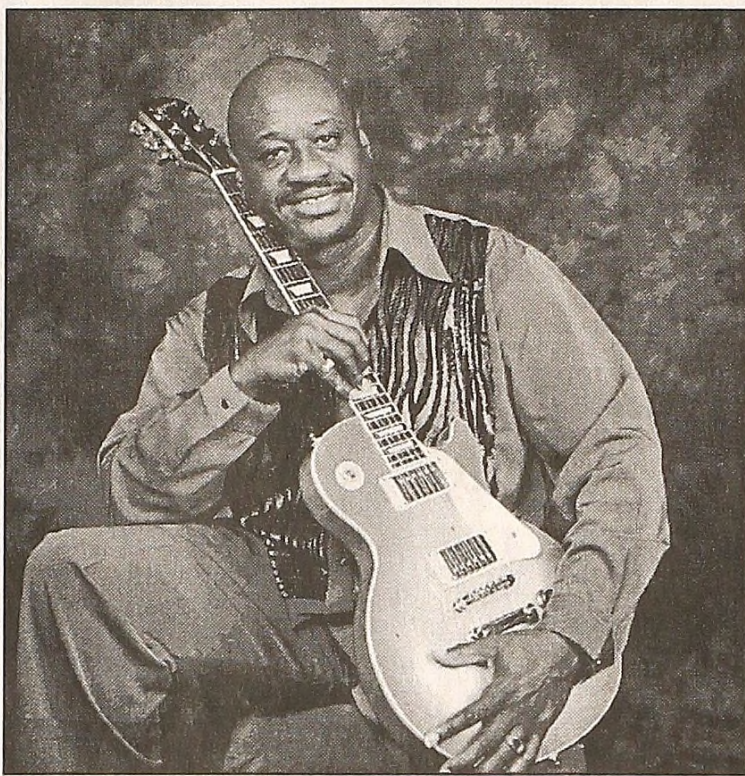
The initiative is also sponsored by the American Cancer Society and coordinated by Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO).

For more information, please contact Rebecca Brown-Slay or Shirley Williams of NSO at 313-537-5268.

The Inkster Community Health Initiatives Committee is made up of Willie C. Williams, Optimist Club; Willie Williams, Inkster Community Investment Partnership; Jeannie Fields, Project Director of Inkster Weed & Seed; Bobbie Wallace, Inkster Resident Council; Mary Wooten, YWCA of Western Wayne; and the Rev. Oscar Carter, pastor of Inkster Springhill Missionary Baptist Church.

Other members include City Manager Robert L. Gordon, and Inkster residents Maurice Adams, Pastor Crawford, Williams Walker, Jr., Joe Wesley, Jr., Elder Walter Bradley, Ricky King and April R. Walton.

ther members include Oscar



The 'Blues Man'

Robert Penn (above), the renowned "Blues Man", who has played guitar for such legendary singers as Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles and performed with B. B. King, Little Milton, Koko Taylor, Johnny Taylor, and others will be at the Stardust Lounge in Inkster Friday night. The popular Inkster lounge is located at 3736 Inkster Road. For more information contact Pat Williams at 313-277-3810.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR BROWNFIELD PLAN CONSULTANT City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan

The City of Inkster is seeking bids from consultants to assist in the preparation of a Brownfield Plan. Informational packets will be available on March 30, 2001 in the Community Development Department. For questions, contact Richard Wooten, Planning and Economic Development Director at (313)563-9760.

Qualified firms wishing to submit bids should provide the appropriate information to the attention of the City Clerk, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan, 48141 prior to 4:00 p.m. EST April 20, 2001. All submittals shall be clearly marked "CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE BROWNFIELD PLAN".

The City of Inkster reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and waive any irregularities it may deem to be in the best interest of the city.

Kimberly Turner, City Clerk
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Rev. King marks 41 years of service

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

On Sunday, April 1, Pastor Isaac King, Jr. and his wife, Margaret King, will celebrate 41 years of pastoral service to Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C.

An afternoon service will be held beginning at 4 p.m. at the church located at 30053 Isaac Margaret King Drive/Parkwood.

The theme: *Fisher of Men*,

(Matthew 4:19) is an appropriate theme for a man who has given untiringly to both church and the community.

Pastor King has served in several capacities within the Inkster community, including, but not limited to, the Inkster Ministerial Alliance, host pastor of Harvest Of Hope 2000 and Save African American Boys (SAAB).

An invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

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Inkster Public Schools

FILING DEADLINE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITIONS

A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Inkster School Board must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2001. The number of signatures required is 20.

The annual school election will be held on Monday, June 11, 2001. Two positions on the Inkster School Board will be filled at the election. Both positions are 4-year terms ending June 30, 2004.

Petition and affidavit forms can be obtained at the office of the Inkster Board of Education. Hiram A. Neeley Administration Building. Office hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Secretary,
Sandra Motley-Cook
Inkster Board of Education

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CITY OF INKSTER ABSTRACT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

THE City Council met at 7:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 5, 2001. Present: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Bostedor, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton. ABSENT: None. CONSENT Calendar items approved: Minutes from 2/19 Regular and 2/26 Special Council Meetings. MADE the following appointments: Sandra Markwart to the Library & Historical Commission; Norena Knox to the Parks & Recreation Commission; Carmen Mitchell to the Cable Television Commission; Henry Lee Crump to the Police & Fireman Retirement Pension Board. APPROVED payment for \$34,431.91 to Tetra Tech. DENIED Offer to Purchase city-owned property from Harlan & Delores Thomas. AUTHORIZED solicitation of quotes to rehab sewer lines in the Northeast section of city; in house training from New World Systems; installation of Live Scan System at Inkster Police Station; participation in Wayne County Consortium and CDBG Entitlement Program; Mr. & Mrs. Antwan Whitlow to block section of Harrison on June 16, 2001; one year extension to Barry E. Earby, Sr., to build single family home; applications to Department of Natural Resources for Land & Water Conservation Fund and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Project for Playground Improvement and Park Shelters & Park Rest Room Facilities; Weed & Seed Program to submit renewal application for School Resource Officer for Inkster Edison High School. APPROVED vacation of public alley between Harriet and Harrison; final projects and funding level for Wayne County's CDBG Program. MEETING adjourned at 8:55 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Outdoors provide kids an adventure

The Wayne Masonic Lodge is helping students learn about the great outdoors. Lodge members help Bob Keller, the sponsor for the Social Outdoor Adventure Program, take local children on field trips to interesting sites in the state and country.

Keller, of course, is the prime motivator behind the popular Social Outdoor Adventure Program (SOAP) at Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School in Wayne.

The program provides 12 fifth-grade students an opportunity to participate in problem solving and communication skills on a weekly basis.

Each month the students take a field trip that has the entire group facing a particular problem. Using some of the problem-solving skills they have learned in the classroom, they must decide how to deal with the problem.

Students have attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn Campus and have participated in their High Rope and Rock Climbing excursions. In May they will take a four-day trip climbing to Canada.

Students are also responsible for planning and implementing an Earth Day celebration at their school.

Helping Keller with the group and the myriads of tasks associated with the trips are the Wayne Masonic Lodge. Members act as chaperones on the field trips and take photos of the students.

"This is a wonderful connection between school and the community," Keller said.

The group meets at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesdays.

For more information please contact Bob Keller at 734-595-2620.

St. Mary's signs-up grades K-8

St. Mary's Catholic School in Wayne is registering students for the 2001-2002 school year.

Beginning on April 4, school officials say that they will accept registration for students who will be entering grades K-8.

The school is located at 34516 Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

For more information, parents are urged to contact the school offices by dialing 734-721-1240.



They got rhythm

Wayne seniors are kicking up their heels and living it up at the Senior Activities Center where many are participating in a "drop in" new line dance class. There is a \$2 per visit charge to participate in this new popular dance that also is a good vehicle for exercising. Senior Services officials stress that seniors do not have to have had previous experience to take part. They encourage seniors, 50 and up, to drop in at 1 p.m. on Fridays. If need more information, contact Pauline G. Fanslow at 734-721-7460.

Local student is named National Merit finalist

The Wayne-Westland schools have produced another National Merit Scholarship finalist.

Nikolai Reimers, a senior at John Glenn, has earned the unique status, according to W-W school officials.

Nikolai moved to the Wayne-Westland School District during his freshman year in high school and immediately got down to work. As a junior he was named as

one of Michigan's top 100 students in the Michigan Math Prize Competition Test.

Nikolai has designed and maintained the Glenn web page for the past two years. His entry in a nationwide website competition staged in Austin, Texas was selected the best pre-college site in the nation last year.

The outstanding Glenn student also serves as co-editor of the

school literary magazine.

He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin where he may major in computer science.

Less than 1 percent of graduating seniors in the United States advance to the prestigious standing of National Merit Finalist. This year the Wayne-Westland School District has two finalists - Reimers and Eric Konopka, a Wayne Memorial High School senior.

Ron Coden Show on stage in Wayne

The Wayne Senior Activity Center will host its second annual Dinner Theater in April. The dinner-theater program will feature the popular Ron Coden Show.

The program is scheduled for April 24. Tickets are now available at the Senior Activity Center, located at 35000 Sims. Tickets are \$18 which includes dinner, the

show, and an unlimited number of soft drinks and coffee.

For more information, call 734-721-7460.

Also, the Wayne Aquatic Area is offering a new program in cooperation with the Arthritis Foundation called P.A.C.E. P.A.C.E. is an acronym for People With Arthritis Can Exercise.

The program includes games and activities that may help participants look and feel better and supplements exercises prescribed by a physician or therapist.

For more information call 721-2244.

Wayne to offer summer camp

Wayne Parks and Recreation officials announced this week that they will offer a new Summer Day Camp program for the upcoming season.

The Summer Day Camp will be offered to two separate age groups, ages 5-8, and 9-13. The camp will provide a unique opportunity for children to enjoy an exciting and fun-filled summer.

The camp will run from June 21 through Aug. 28 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Wayne recreation officials add that the camp will offer daily activities including swimming, field trips, Playscape, arts & crafts, games, sports, and much more. The camp cost for residents is \$860 (for the full season) and \$100 weekly, or \$20 per day; non-residents will pay \$1,118 for the full season; \$130 weekly or \$26 daily. There is a payment plan available.

Participants may pay in four easy installments - the first pay-

ment for residents is \$200; \$260 for non-residents.

Registration dates for residents who plan to register their child for the full season are April 9 and April 11 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Open registration to anyone who wants to register their child for the full season are April 18, 23, 25 and May 7, 9, 21, and 23 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Late registration, if necessary, will be conducted only if space remains available.

To anyone who wants to register their child for daily, weekly or for the full season they may do so from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on June 11, 13, 18 and 20.

Registration is limited and will be conducted on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration will be staged at the Wayne Community Center, Howe and Annapolis Road. For further information, telephone 734-721-7400.

Library to host talks on lighthouses

Wayne Library officials announced that they will host a unique program that focuses on lighthouses in Michigan.

Residents will have an opportunity to hear Dale Gensman and Jennifer Medvecky between 7 to 9 p.m. on April 5 at the library.

The Wayne Public Library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road.

Gensman's father, Frank Rounds, was the original builder of the historic Round Island Lighthouse, which was constructed in 1895.

Gensman, a restoration carpenter, will offer his insights on his involvement with the lighthouse.

Medvecky will talk and illustrate her experience at the St. Helena Lighthouse which she visited during the summer of 2000.

Free parking is available in the parking structure accessed off of East Michigan just west of Wayne Road.

Those who are in need of more information may contact the library by dialing 734-721-7832.

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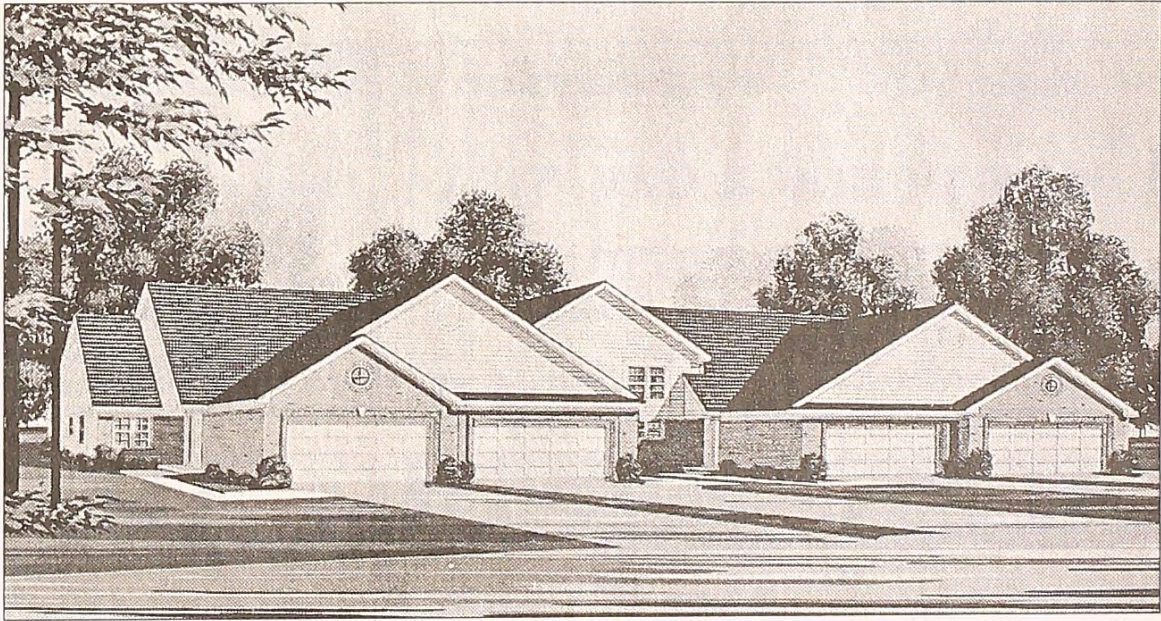
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2001-14
MARCH 19, 2001

Special meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 19, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. Approved minutes of Special Meeting held March 6, 2001, and Regular Meeting of March 6, 2001. Held Public Hearings and first readings to consider rezoning 3216 South Wayne Road and 35127/9 Ash Street from Business Neighborhood (B-2) and Single-Family Residential (R-1C) to Business Limited (B-1) for the new Fire Station and to consider an amendment to the Sign Ordinance Chapter 1280.04(c). Held Public Hearings and approved the vacating Ridge Drive, between 3216 and 3300 South Wayne Road and 35127/9 Ash Street, and the vacating of the alley between 3216 South Wayne Road and 35127/9 Ash Street. **APPROVED:** resolution honoring Tony Drager on his 100th birthday; proclamation designating April 1-7, 2001 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wayne; request by Oakwood Annapolis Hospital to waive the fee for a room rental at the Community Center for their "Project Healthy Living"; site plan #2001-05, Charlie's Too, 32413 Michigan Avenue; awarding of bids for lawn maintenance on Public Housing properties for 2001, FY 2000 Annual Audit of the Public Housing Department, demolition of 3216 South Wayne Road, and 2001 Water & Sewer Replacement Project - Phase III; application for license for an Ice Cream Vendor's License/Vehicle-Polar Bear, Inc., 29101 Goddard Road, Romulus and Ice Cream Vendor's License/Driver - Sherlene Sue Vance; first reading of an amendment to Ordinance No. 676.03, Possession Or Use Of Tobacco Products and 676.04, Sale of Tobacco Products To Minors; Second Readings and Adoption of a Snow Emergency Ordinance; and amendment to the parental Responsibility Ordinance 604.09(f); Penalty; Professional Services Agreement with Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., regarding the Water & Sewer Replacement Projects and for additional design services relating to the demolition of 3216 South Wayne Road; second year of a three year Professional Services Agreement with B & B Lawn Service for 2001 weed cutting season on private lots; third year of a three-year Professional Services Agreement with Copland Enterprises for grass cutting on Parks & Recreation Department property and City parks; second year of a five-year Professional Services Agreement with Tru-Green Chemlawn for lawn fertilizing on Parks & Recreation Department properties; Professional Services Agreement with Riccobono Productions to provide entertainment and sound for the 2001 Fireworks; amendment to the purchase agreement with Copper Creek Development Corporation for the development of (15) fifteen two-story single-family homes; Change Order #1 with Testing Engineers & Consultants, Inc.; buyback of Graves 160 and 161, Lot 75, Section Q of Glenwood Cemetery; lot split for Lots 952-975 of Harroun Park No. 1 Currier Investment Company's Subdivision. Called a Public Hearing for April 17, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. to consider a proposed amendment to the Sign Ordinance, Chapter 1280.04(d). Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: March 29, 2001

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BONDE, ANNA KRISTINA, 19 of Livonia, passed away March 17. Loving daughter of Pastor David and Deborah Bonde. Beloved sister of Megan Bonde. Dear grandchild of P.K. and Gloria Bonde, Dorothy Gullixson, Norma and the late Ray Stewart. Funeral services were held at Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia. Interment followed at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Arrangements were handled by Uht Funeral Home.

GRACE, DAVID, 50 of Wayne, passed away March 19 in Melvindale. Dear son of the late Phillip F. Grace and Julia J. Grace. Loving

brother of Cathy Catiller and Karen Pawlowski. Preceded in death by his parents, brother Phillip F. Grace, sisters Kimberly Webb and Cheryl Gipson. Memorial services will be held Sunday April 1 at 3 p.m. at the First Missionary Church, 35248 Palmer Road (off of Wayne Road), Westland. All cards, donations, and flowers can be sent to the church. For further information, please contact Clyde Webb at 734-721-4715.

HODGSON, CECIL F., 81 of Putnam, Michigan (formerly of the Wayne/Westland area), passed away March 19. Loving husband of

Geneva Hodgson. Beloved father of Rod (Lynn) Hodgson, Cheryl (Dale) Schneider, Sandra (George) Brown, Gary (Margie) Hodgson, and stepchildren Eric Livingston and Judy (Larry) Hul. Dear brother of Gerald Hodgson, Shirley Carpenter, and the late Norman Hodgson. Loving grandfather of thirteen and great-grandfather of seven. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Ronald Browne officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

HOPE, DAVID WAYNE, 31 of Belleville, passed away March 12. Dear son of Newman and Eleanor Hope of Belleville. Beloved grandson of Mary Lois Hope of Florida. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Memorial services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Hamilton officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

HOUSBY (MILLIGAN), GAIL, 30 of Rock Island I.C., passed away Wednesday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. She was born January 16, 1971, in Ypsilanti, MI; the daughter of Robert and Velma (Dudley) Milligan. She married Dennis J. Housby February 26, 1996 in Rock Island. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Moline and attended Gilda's Club of Davenport. She enjoyed life and was a wonderful mother. Survivors include her husband Dennis and sons Nicholas, David, Timothy, Joshua and Dennis Jr. (his wife of Heather and son Shawn) all of Rock Island. Her mother Velma Dudley, father Robert Milligan, stepmother Dr. Diane Milligan, Sisters Christine and Diana Milligan, brothers Joseph (wife Ronnaca) Dudley, Robert Scott and Russell Milligan. Nephews Aaron and Joshua Dudley all of Michigan.

IBACH, ARIA I., 85 of Romulus (formerly of Belleville), passed away March 15. Dear mother of Darrell (Norma) Ibach, Sr. of Canton and Roger (Marion) Ibach, Sr. of Gaylord. Dear daughter of the late Albert and Harriett (Matteson) Manska. Sister of Alice Briggs of Ypsilanti and Ruth Lauseng of Waubay, South Dakota. Loving grandmother of Michelle Schulze, Barbara Anbalt, Darrell Ibach Jr., Roger Ibach Jr., and Kim Degregorio; and great-grandmother of thirteen. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to Romulus Wesleyan Church.

SCIBILIA, JOSEPH J., 79 of Romulus, passed away March 13. Loving husband of Giovanna (Joan) Scibilia. Beloved father of Gaspere (Catherine) Scibilia of Romulus; Litterlo (Dale) Scibilia of Waterford; and Gene (Debbie) Scibilia of White Lake. Dear brother of Benedetta Polizzi of Mesa, AZ; Francis Silvio of Shelby Twp.; Angelo Scibilia of Capac; and the late Frank Scibilia. Dear grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of three. Arrangements made by Crane Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Father Festus Ejimadu. Interment followed at Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Rochester Hills.

JOHNSTON, JILL LYNNE, 44 of Westland, passed away March 13. Loving wife of Albert Johnston. Dearest mother of Michael Elkins, Dawn (Logan) Mike-Partridge, Michael Elkins, Stephanie Johnston, Angie Johnston, Jenifer Johnston, and Christopher Johnston. Dear sister of Ronald Turner and Jackalyn Flowers. Loving grandmother of nine. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Ron VanDerbeek officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

LOVENE, VERA LENORE, 87 of Wayne, passed away March 8. Loving mother of Beverly (James) Porter

SMITH, RICHARD E., 56 of Wayne, passed away March 3. Dear father of Carrie Takach. Loving companion of Jennifer Haase. Dearest son of the late Inez. Loving grandfather of Ashley, Brandi, and Dustin. Dear brother of Ray, Robert, Ronald, Bill, Roger, Terry, and Marilyn. Memorial Gardens West.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF INKSTER

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE BOARD OF EDUCATION POSITIONS

TO: QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2001

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Sandra Motley Cook
Secretary
Board Of Education

Publish: March 29, 2001
April 5, 2001

Birth Announcements

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8 lbs., 5 oz.
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Drayce John
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Uncle Haskell, Uncle Rex, Aunt Meranda, Aunt Heather, Mary Phillips, Joe & Sharon Downs, Andy Adkinson, John & Judy Downs, Duane & Betty Adkinson

JORDAN DANIEL HADDOCK
Born: March 13, 2001 at 12:38 p.m.
9 lbs., 7 oz.
Proud Parents:
John & Tina Haddock of Canton
Big Brothers & Sisters:
Stacey, Shelby, Kevin & Kyle
Grand Parents:
Don & Sue Mandelko
Shelby & Clyde Haddock

NEVAEH LATINA FIELDS
Born: March 14, 2001 at 1:08 p.m.
7 lbs., 6 oz.
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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City Council of City of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on April 17, 2001 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider a proposed amendment to the Sign Ordinance, Chapter 1280.04(d). The public is invited to attend and be heard. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the City Council will consider, and may act upon, this matter.
Mary E. Carney
City Clerk
Publish: March 29, 2001

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2001-15 MARCH 20, 2001
Regular meeting of the City Council was not held due to lack of a quorum.
Mary E. Carney
City Clerk
Publish: March 29, 2001

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2001-13 MARCH 19, 2001
Special meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 19, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. Discussion regarding the Water & Sewer Replacement Project - Phase III. Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Mary E. Carney
City Clerk
Publish: March 29, 2001

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 BUDGET
Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on Monday, May 7, 2001 at 6:30 p.m., in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan for the purpose of discussing the Proposed Budget. The Proposed Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
Publish: March 29, 2001

CITY OF WAYNE
Motion by McEachern, supported by Shackelford and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2001-05, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:
ORDINANCE NO. 2001-05
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE
THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:
Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION TO PART SIX, GENERAL OFFENSES; CHAPTER 604, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; 604.09, PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY
604.09 (f) PENALTY
Whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. See Section 202.99 for general Code penalty.
Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.
Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.
Mary E. Carney
City Clerk
Adopted: March 19, 2001
Published: March 29, 2001
Effective: March 29, 2001

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WESTLAND

Defibrillators sought for cop cars, senior center

At the urging of several residents, the Westland City Council plans to considering buying more defibrillators and placing them in the Friendship Center and some other public buildings to help treat victims of cardiac arrest. During cardiac arrest, defibrillators shoot an electric shock to the heart muscle to restore a regular heartbeat.

The city's EMS trucks are equipped with defibrillators and one has been placed in the Westland Shopping Center. According to fire Captain Mike Reddy, the devices have already saved lives.

"We will look at this during budget time," said City Council President Sandra Cicirelli. "If we

are going to put defibrillators at the Friendship Center or other city buildings, we need to budget for them."

Cicirelli was responding to Jan Polanski, a senior citizen who has long been lobbying the council to place defibrillators at the Friendship Center near the many seniors who come there to eat, socialize, or exercise.

Polanski has championed placing defibrillators at the Center ever since liability fears prevented the Senior Resource Department from seeking defibrillators after consulting with the city attorney's office.

Besides stressing seniors' need for defibrillators, Polanski and

others have argued that under the "Good Samaritan ruling," the city would not be liable for damage claims resulting from defibrillation.

Polanski raises the issue at every city council meeting.

At the last city council meeting, resident Cathie Wallace urged the council to place portable defibrillators at the Friendship Center and in police cars to help the citizens of "an aging community."

She said, "These devices have saved lives and mere seconds of earlier response can save even more lives throughout the city," she said. "The American Heart Association states that when cardiac arrest occurs, the heart starts

to beat chaotically and can't pump blood. Time is critical."

She said that every minute without defibrillation drops the odds of survival 7-10 percent.

"Each day, nearly 700 Americans suffer from sudden cardiac arrest — usually away from a hospital," she said. "More than 95 percent of them die, in many cases because lifesaving defibrillators arrive on the scene too late, if at all. Right now only about 5 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims survive in America."

She said that placing defibrillators in the Friendship Center and in police cars, which are already patrolling the streets instead of being parked like EMS vehicles,

would help the city respond before EMS trucks arrived.

"Please write or call our city council members and urge them to purchase these devices," she urged. "We have the opportunity to make a difference, and perhaps, save our own lives!"

Cicirelli told Wallace that the fire department has been considering more defibrillator purchases, but that no cost estimates for

equipping police cars have been presented to council and that no decisions on defibrillator purchases have been made.

So far, the city has only trained paramedics how to use defibrillators. If police cars or buildings are equipped, then police officers or other city employees would have to be trained in how to safely use the devices.



Angie Todd

Westland's Fab Poet

Born in Logansport, Indiana, Angie Todd arrived in Westland by way of California. Catapulted into the public eye after naming Westland council members David Cox, Trav Griffins, David James

and Sharon Scott the "Fab Four" and scolding Westlanders for overeating and under-dancing, she is also a poet. She offered to share one of her poems with our readers.

The Love of a Stolen Rose

He plunged his hand into the bush, engaging every thorn.
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CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Lentine and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2001-04, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-04

AN ABSTRACT OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION TO PART 10, STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES; 1070, SNOW EMERGENCY

An ordinance regarding the parking of vehicles on the streets or roads of the City of Wayne during the period of time for which a snow emergency has been declared and the procedures for the removal or impounding of such vehicles.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Adopted: March 19, 2001
Published: March 29, 2001
Effective: March 29, 2001

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2001**

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Budd. Others in attendance: Interim Director of Development Delaney, Secretary Cline and an audience of two (2).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2001-06 approving final inspection number 91945 to transfer ownership of a 1998 Class C & SDM licensed business located in escrow at 41111 Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Step III from Raymond Verrot, to B.P. Saloons, Inc. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: None.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 4:08 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: March 29, 2001

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2001**

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Public Safety Director Perkins, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Interim Director of Development Delaney, Museum Director Wilson, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of nineteen (19).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of March 5, 2001, as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2001 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Employee service awards were given to Marc Abdilla, Kenneth Floro and Diane Wilson for five years of service.

Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen introduced Wal-Mart Associates Representative, Rose Albro, who presented the Public Safety Department with a donation in the amount of \$206.02 to be used toward the purchase of a thermal imaging camera

Supervisor King stated new children's identification program sponsored by the Belleville Rotary Club has begun in the Van Buren Public School System. The new system records important information such as fingerprints, dental records and has a place for a hair sample for DNA purposes.

The Downtown Development Authority will hold a public review and comment session on Monday, March 26, 2001, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Sheldon/Otisville Room at the Township Hall to discuss the DDA's streetscape improvement plan for the portion of Belleville Road from Tyler Road to the Belleville Lake Bridge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to confirm the Downtown Development Authority's appointment of Bryce Kelley as the DDA Executive Director. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to deny [the first reading of Ordinance 3-20-01 to adopt an amendment to the Township Zoning Map, a part of Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended to rezone property located on the northwest corner of Martinsville and Hull Roads, parcels V125-83-108-99-0004-000, V125-83-108-99-0005-000, V125-83-108-99-0010-000 and V125-83-108-99-0011-0001 from AG (Agricultural Estates) to R-1 B (Single Family Residential)], as recommended by the Planning Commission. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the personal services consulting agreement with Krista Harris effective April 1, 2001 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried

Payne moved, Herman seconded to accept the attorney's recommendation in case #00-003325-CK as outlined in his letter dated March 20, 2001. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the voucher list of March 20, 2001 as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the January 2001 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The "2001 Quilt Exhibit" will run through March 31, 2001 at the Belleville Area Museum. Contact the Museum 697-1944 for additional information.

On Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Drive-In Dog Clinic will be held at the Water and Sewer building located behind the township hall. Dog licenses are \$5.00 and \$2.50 for seniors. Rabies vaccinations are \$10.00 and distemper vaccinations are \$15.00. Contact the Treasurer's Office at 699-8903 for additional information.

The annual cemetery cleaning will begin March 26, 2001 and run through April 05, 2001 at the four township cemeteries. Receptacles placed on graves such as flowerpots, religious item and similar objects will be discarded if not retrieved by March 26, 2001. New items may be displayed beginning April 6, 2001. The four township cemeteries are Tyler, Otisville, Denton and Soop. For further information contact the DPW leader, Dan Smith at 734-699-8921 extension 228.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: March 29, 2001

Stop petty complaints, let Edison run Inkster schools

What in the world are Inkster School Board members thinking? Less than a year after they signed a contract with Edison Schools to absorb the school district's horrendous \$1.9 million debt and operate the school system, they are making noise about finding ways to wiggle out of the agreement.

If they are successful, or Edison throws up their hands and says they want out, the school district is likely to end up in the hands of the State of Michigan, then dissolved sending students to Wayne-Westland or Robichaud or somewhere else.

I don't know of anyone who wants to see this happen. Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton certainly doesn't. In a passionate plea to school board members and Edison to find ways to work together, Hampton said we all must cooperate for the sake of our children.

He noted if the Inkster school district is dissolved it will have severe ramifications on the city, as well. We will all lose our identity, said Hampton. The Inkster School District has a long and storied history, producing numerous graduates that have leapt to the top of their professions.

But back to the school board. Four out of the seven member board have been accused of attending out-of-state conferences, and then bringing back receipts for expensive steak and lobster dinners. Those four, School Board President John Rucker, Vice-President Ocie Carswell, Sandra Motly-Cook and Priscilla Cook send a lousy message to parents who are struggling mightily to see ends meet.

Ironically, it is these four that apparently are having second thoughts about Edison. They charge Edison with not providing the Board with information that they

request. But, my guess, is it goes deeper than that. In the past, school board members had numerous perks available to them, and a great deal of control over certain aspects of the school system. With Edison, in charge, good or bad, those situations no longer exist.

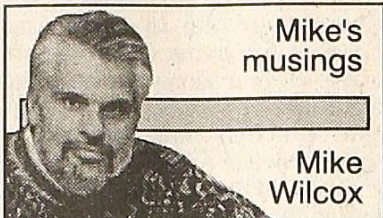
But this dispute shouldn't be about perks or who is privy to what information. More importantly Edison should be judged on their job performance, and quite frankly it hasn't been all that bad.

For instance, school enrollment has increased considerably, putting a stop to a downward trend that has seen Inkster lose more than half their students. Likewise, MEAP scores have gotten better and in the Detroit News ranking of school districts, the Edison-run district scored higher than the previous year.

Sure there are going to be bumps in the road. Teachers and administrators are not going to like Edison's new management style — but eventually, they will get use to it. But a contract is a contract — and this one happens to be five years. Most logical observers would encourage Inkster to work within the contract's framework to make changes.

To break it is literally committing suicide. State legislators will not allow Inkster to carry a deficit and the once proud and powerful district will be gobbled up faster than school board members can object.

I hope I'm right in writing, none of us want that.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

I SEE CANTON IN 2001 AS A CULTURAL BEACON... WITH A PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, TALL BUILDINGS-FULL OF PEOPLE-HOUSING SHOPS AND AN ARTS COMMUNITY... A "CHERRY HILL VILLAGE"...



How much is that doggy in the window?

The politicians came together to talk about police-community relations, but Westland resident Rester Everett wanted to talk about worms.

"I opened a can of worms and they wiggled everywhere," she said.

The particular can of worms arose from a racial profiling complaint last spring by Houston engineer Willie Slater.

Slater complained that he was followed from a donut shop by Westland police because he was driving while black.

Without going into all the details, there were two sides to the story. Slater's and the arresting police officers' sides.

Slater's story was more credible because he spoke to the public. An attractive, articulate man, he was easy to believe and drew much sympathy.

The arresting officers never spoke, so regardless of the facts of the case, it was hard to believe or sympathize with invisible men.

It wasn't long before crowds appeared at the city council demanding answers.

Was Willie a victim of racial profiling? people demanded to know.

Coming during the recall, former City Council President Trav Griffin shunted the question off to a committee.

Nine months and several committee meetings later, I still don't know what happened at that traffic stop.

I know that Willie believes that he was stopped because he was black. But any expectations I had that the committee would get to the bottom of the traffic stop have been dashed.

Meanwhile, the committee — or at least the few members that attended meetings (Griffin and Mayor Bob Thomas ignored meetings) — has been busy for the last nine months.

What has it accomplished?

For one thing, it has latched on to an ongoing plan to place in-car video cameras in police cars.

"I have been for this since my first term," said City Councilman Richard LeBlanc, not a committee member.

Putting cameras in cars has always been in the works, the only question was finding the money to pay for them. Chief Emery Price has recently found some grants and City Attorney Angelo Plakas has recently determined that cable franchise fee money can be used, so the cameras will be installed. It would have happened anyway.

Secondly, the committee decided to continue deciding about collecting racial data. Best I can tell,



Ivan Helfman

the state or federal governments will require the information anyway, but it's unclear how the data will be interpreted or what it will be used for.

Thirdly, complaint forms will be available at the clerk's office and possibly on-line. This would not have happened without the committee.

Fourth, the committee recommended to resurrect an old human relations committee that never worked to serve as an ombudsman between people with complaints and the police.

Finally, the police department should develop a strong public relations campaign, featuring the police department's German shepherds.

"We should be using the police dogs in ways besides taking them into the schools," said Plakas.

"We take the dogs to quite a few schools already," responded Price.

The idea was roundly praised by citizens, including Sherry Douglas, a spokesperson for the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, a minority group who had been most anxious to discover if the police department was or was not racial profiling.

Police dogs?

This shocked me because I'm old enough to remember watching the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and

his civil rights marchers confronting police dogs in Selma, Alabama. Many credit this confrontation — which forever ended the racist case for white supremacy by contrasting the noble black marchers with their crude white tormentors — for leading to the Civil Rights Act.

At the time, it was thought that the civil rights movement would achieve racial equality under the law by freeing the blacks from police dogs.

Instead, it appears that equality was achieved by also subjecting whites and all other races to police dogs and prisons.

How innocent we were in the 1960s. Marching on the streets of Selma, who could have envisioned a jail-crazy country with 25 percent of the world's prisoners but only 5 percent of the world's population.

A country where 80 percent of inmates are from racial minorities.

"Nearly one in eight black males aged between 20 and 34 was in prison in America on any given day," according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

With the help of this committee, formed to combat racial profiling, more police dogs may soon be available to help crowd the prisons a little more.

Can anyone imagine Dr. King given up the struggle because a couple German shepherds visited his church? Last I heard, that wasn't his dream.

Police policy-makers should go

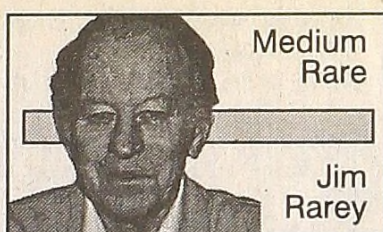
Detroit Free Press, March 21: "Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon acknowledged Tuesday that witnesses to murders are routinely arrested like suspects and taken to headquarters against their will for questioning. 'It's the department's long-standing, written policy,' he said."

The story, by Free Press Staff Writer Jim Schaefer, goes on to relate police practices more reminiscent of Nazi Germany or the Communist Soviet Union than an America where citizens are supposed to be protected from unreasonable search and seizure by the U.S. Constitution.

The report quotes defense attorneys and former police officials as saying, in addition to witnesses, siblings and spouses are often arrested and held for hours and sometimes days before being released without being charged with a crime.

The law does allow witnesses to be held if there is a risk of flight, but only after a court hearing (a process seldom used in Detroit).

The practice came to light when the Free Press questioned police about arrests in murder



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

cases reported to the FBI. Detroit arrests averaged about three for each murder case while other cities averaged only one arrest per murder.

When originally questioned, a police spokesperson denied the practice saying, "We don't just go around arresting people." Napoleon's admission contradicted that assertion. He said a substantial portion of the 4,580 residents arrested for murder since 1996 were witnesses and not suspects.

Detroit has the second worst record among major cities for clearing murder cases. In the past, police have complained of difficulty in getting witnesses to come forward because of fear. It is now clear that much of that is fear of the police department. Admitting to any knowledge of a murder

crime scene could subject witnesses (and apparently has) to arrest and confinement.

This outrageous and illegal behavior by Detroit police is not just a practice that is condoned and overlooked. According to Chief Napoleon it is an official written policy. This calls into serious question the judgment and integrity of the policy makers. And who are those policy makers?

The buck stops with Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, the chief law enforcement official of the city. Archer appears to be set to run for his third four-year term as mayor. He can hardly plead ignorance of the policy. If he claims he didn't know, he has been derelict in his sworn duties. He should not be allowed to spin the argument as a "gray" area that needs examination. Before election as mayor, Archer was an Associate Justice on the Michigan Supreme Court. He should be thoroughly familiar with constitutional rights.

The right thing would be for both Archer and Napoleon to resign immediately.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Police chief runs for Mayor

To the editor:

It is with pride that I take the opportunity to let the citizens of the City of Westland know that I am running for the office of Mayor in the 2001 election. The year 2000 saw political infighting and residents in great numbers involved in recalls, which became cause for concern to all of us. Certainly those in support of the recall has the liberty to do what they did, as well as those who opposed it. That is behind us now. It is time to move forward and take our great city in a positive direction.

Some of you may wonder why I deserve your vote for mayor of the city of Westland. For starters, I have had the honor serving as the Westland Police Chief for nine years. May over all goal as police chief was to make Westland a safer, more pleasant place to reside. During my tenure, I have had the opportunity to make a

great number of improvements within the department such as, cultural diversity training of city officers, community policing, motor carrier enforcement, and we will soon have in-car cameras, just to name a few. While no community can ever 100 percent shelter itself from criminal activity, I am proud to say that crime in Westland has been on a significant decline over the past seven years. I must also give credit to the hard-working staff of the Westland Police Department and the cooperation of the mayor's office and the city council in helping to achieve this over all goal.

As your mayor, I would continue to work hard to improve our city. I will endeavor to keep our streets and children safe from crime, improve our parks and recreation, upgrade and improve our department of public services, encourage companies to want to establish their business base in

Westland, work with our school districts to make them the best in Wayne County, and make continual improvements in the budget to save the taxpayers' money.

I am not a politician. I am a hard working taxpayer like you. Due to the fact that I will receive a pension from the city for my many years of service to the Westland Police Department. I will forgo the first year of my salary (with the exception of covering taxes on that money) as mayor of Westland and return this money back to the hard working people of this community. I will give up the benefit of the Municipal Employees Retirement System and I will not take any pay increases as Mayor. I am confident that I will take Westland in a positive direction. It is now time to move forward.

Sincerely,
Emery Price
Candidate for Mayor



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Rarey replies to state Rep. Basham

Open letter to Rep. Ray Basham:
This is the reply you invited in your amazing letter to the editor published last week.

You open with a personal attack on me (shoot the messenger syndrome), attribute an opinion to me I did not express (my opinions are in my Medium Rare column, not my news articles) and then proceed to set up a false issue (straw man) to avoid the real issues.

You did not challenge the facts in my March 1 news article (hence the personal attack). I assume this means you concede that the issue of hazardous waste coming in from Canada to EDS (raised by you and RECAP) was a red herring.

I don't think even you believe that the new centralized waste treatment rule put out by the Gore/Clinton/Browner team was

intended to give an economic advantage to injection wells. Or do you claim EDS bought them too?

The new rule does not apply to injection wells, or to incinerators, because they are different kinds of waste disposal systems. Is it "unfair" that there are different standards for incineration than for dumping in the sewer? The EPA, DEQ and even all the scientists on the Site Review Board believe that deep injection of hazardous waste is one of the best options available. While not 100% certain, the risk of wastes in injection wells ever getting into the water system is remote. This opposed to the 100% certainty of getting into the Detroit River from companies like Michigan Recovery (in Romulus) and your friend and ally in opposing the well, Dynecol in Detroit.

You say you are in favor of

stricter standards to protect human health and the environment, yet you complain when standards are tightened on those who are dumping hazardous waste into the sewers and directly back into the water system. If the new rule gives EDS a cost advantage, then we will have the best of both worlds, the best method at a lower cost to consumers.

That brings into question your true motives in the false and misleading propaganda you are using to inflame the residents against the well. Do you believe it will enhance your political career (and those of some other local politicians) or are you running interference for companies like Dynecol, which would have to compete with EDS? Which is it, Ray?

Jim Rarey
Romulus

Response to Jimmy Raspberry

To the editor:
The following is in response to former Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry's comments in reference to Councilwoman Romak, former Mayor Beverly McAnally and the proposed hazardous commercial injection well.

I, William Wadsworth, am the Chairman Pro Tem of the Romulus City Council and have continuously served on the City Council for the last eighteen years. It saddens me that Mr. Raspberry could still defend a hazardous injection well over the residents and taxpayers who go to sleep every night in our City. Mr. Raspberry claims he defends the citizens of Romulus. First, his track record shows just the opposite is true. In the 1960's, Mr. Raspberry supported a resolution to give Wayne county a fifty percent (50%) reduction in water and sewer rates so they could expand Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, while raising the water and sewer rates to the citizens of Romulus! Today lifelong residents view airport expansion as a negative impact on our City. Mr. Raspberry has shown how he supports big business first and the citizens of Romulus second.

Now, let's turn our attention to the City Council meeting of December 10, 1990, Council Resolution 90-589. Environmental Disposal systems, Inc. (EDS) wanted to construct a hazardous deep injection well in the City of Romulus. This Councilman encouraged Mr. Raspberry to vote "NO" on the proposed hazardous injection well. Councilman Randolph Gear, Councilman Russell Lambert and I voted against this hazardous well. Mr. Raspberry voted "YES" to acknowledge this hazardous well. Again, Mr. Raspberry voted to put but business first and Ro-

mulus residents second. Mr. Raspberry states that the well is safe because the government told us so. In the past, the government has told us many times what has been safe. In the 1880's, the government and tobacco companies told us it was safe to smoke. In later years, the government told us asbestos was safe. The government said DDT was safe to use on fields and to spray on children to control mosquitoes. Later studies indicated how dangerous and life threatening this procedure was. DDT is now banned and considered a toxic substance! The government told us Agent Orange was safe to spray on our troops in Vietnam. This in only a tiny example of all things the government has told us was safe and later reversed its opinion. The list is endless. We all know history has proven that those very government approvals are now the direct causes of cancer and other life threatening illnesses.

Now, Mr. Raspberry wants us to believe that injecting hazardous waste into the ground is safe because the government tells us so. What happens if in five years the government reverses its opinion and tells us it is not safe? How do we retrieve this hazardous waste once it is injected into the ground? The citizens of Romulus should ask Mr. Raspberry if his vote to accept the well in Romulus continues this cycle. Mr. Raspberry continues to blame former Mayor McAnally for bringing the well into Romulus. Stop the smoke screen. The well falls directly on your shoulders Mr. Raspberry. You voted "YES". Former Mayor McAnally did not have a vote, like you did.

In regards to your comments on Councilwoman Romak, I applaud Councilwoman Debbie Ro-

mak's fight against this hazardous well. Her dedication is endless and she has demonstrated time and time again that she cares about the citizens of Romulus first. On December 10, 1990, had Councilwoman Romak been on the City Council, and not you Mr. Raspberry, Resolution 90-589 acknowledging this hazardous well would have been defeated by 4 to 3 vote.

Without the same dedication an support from Romulus Environmental Care About People (RECAP), this proposed hazardous injection would probably be pumping millions of gallons of hazardous waste into the earth today.

In closing, I am stating that in the event that this hazardous injection well is constructed, only history will tell us if this well is as safe as EDS claims. History will also tell us that this Councilman voted "NO" on December 10, 1990, and never was in favor of this project. You, Mr. Raspberry, on the other hand, have voted "YES" on the placement of this hazardous injection well. It is typical that again you have voted for the interests of big business over the interest of the residents of our City. Mr. Raspberry you called upon Councilwoman Romak to resign. The citizens of this City would have been better served if you had resigned back in 1990!

William Wadsworth,
Chairman Pro Tem
Romulus City Council

Condolences to Bondes

I went to Churchill High School with Anna Bonde. I wasn't good friends with her, but I was privileged to know her for four years of her shortened life.

Anna was a beautiful young girl who had her whole life and career ahead of her.

She was always the one. When she sang, dance or was acting, you couldn't take your eyes off of her. She is a great loss to the community and to the world.

My condolences go out to her family and friends. She will be truly missed.

Warmly,
Jessica Fowler
Livonia Churchill Class of '99

Face truth or find another place to picket

To the editor:
The residents of Romulus owe your newspaper a big Thank you! For a long time now the anti-well protest group has been talking about Canadian hazardous waste coming to the well.

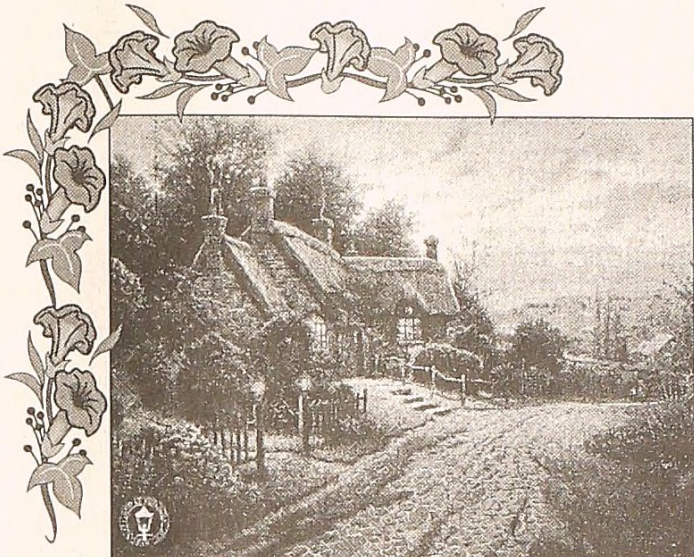
Thanks to the Romulus Roman, such rhetoric has been

exposed for the nonsense it really is.

I am not a supporter of the well but am a supporter of the truth. The anti-well protesters should either start dealing with truth and facts or else go find some other project to picket.

Mrs. Lottie Jenkins
Romulus

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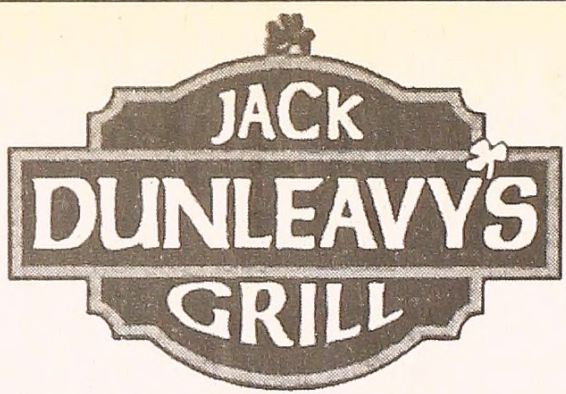
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Old man winter fires snowballs at preps

If weather improves, John Glenn opens at Garden City

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Old man winter just doesn't know when to quit. He continues to fire snowballs - or are they spitballs? - at the local high school baseball teams.

Coaches says that most of their preparation for the upcoming baseball season, which incidentally begins next week, has been in-

doors.

"We had a couple of opportunities to practice outside but with the snow and the cold, we had over the weekend, I just didn't want to risk it," said Todd Duffield, who is beginning his sixth season at John Glenn this year.

Duffield and the Rockets have the dubious honor of opening the 2001 campaign at 4 p.m. on April 5

against Garden City. Garden City boasts one of the premier pitchers in the area, if not the state, in 6-10 Justin Ockerman.

Baseball scouts believe that Ockerman has the talent to make it as a pro.

Duffield is coming off of a disastrous season. The Rockets managed to win eight of their 29 games a year ago, and the veteran coach said that things will improve this

year.

"I expect us to compete this year," said Duffield. "These kids are capable of doing so."

In his small cadre of returning letterman are junior pitcher-infielder Brandon Ajlouny; junior pitcher-outfielder Nate Campbell; senior outfielder Andrew Copland; senior catcher-outfielder Josh Day; senior infielder Mike Grant; senior first-baseman, out-

fielder Jeff Koslowski; senior pitcher-outfielder Dave Mijal and senior outfielder Mark Wacker.

It will not be an easy task for Duffield to turn the program around. The Western Lakes Baseball Conference, dominated by the likes of defending champ, Farmington Hills Harrison, Farmington, Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton appear to again be loaded.

"We had our league meeting last night (Monday) and I had an opportunity to go over some of the rosters," Duffield said. "Harrison didn't lose many kids. They're going to be the team to beat. But our kids know what to expect this season."

"And, like I said, I'm expecting us to compete this year."

Eagles seek to move up a notch

Romulus baseball coach Keith Brothers would like his Eagles to move up just one notch in the Mega-Gold Division.

Last year Romulus finished second-best to Dearborn Fordson in the race for the divisional crown, and this year with a solid core of returning letterwinners, including three veteran throwers, Brothers believes his ball club will be in the thick of the title battle.

"Fordson will be tough again," said Brothers who will open up the 2001 season April 4 at home against Detroit Communications. "We have three three-year starters for us going on the mound. And that's always an asset."

"But there are so many intangibles - you never really know how the kids will perform until you get out there on the field."

The three who will carry Romulus' pitching hopes in the division and hopefully to the district playoffs are righthanders Ryan Block, Alan Brohl and Chris Deaton. Deaton also will see duty behind the plate, sharing time at backstop with junior Ricky Rhinehart.

The Eagles' infield also appears solid thanks to senior Keith Timbrooks, a veteran first baseman. Brothers plans to also use Brandon Demoisey at first when needed.

Rog Chapman returns to second. In a backup role at the position is Darryl Waller, while Block will handle the shortstop duties when he is not pitching. Steve Moore, a very athletic and agile player, will also be called upon to play short and third.

Brohl will see duty at third when he isn't slated to pitch.

Brothers has experience in the outfield in Chuck Dandrea, Melvin Stewart, Josh Phillips, Anson Long, Ron Buckley and Bruce Thompson.

The Eagles finished 10-2 in the league. It was outside the league where they encountered most of their flak and losses. They finished 15-14 in 2000.



The Wolves put on a dazzling show over the weekend in Grand Rapids where the Wayne Mites hockey team skated to the Spring Showdown 2001 Tournament Title. The lineup of the championship team included Brendon Zarem (front row, from left), Christopher Moore, Christopher Gawne, Scott Bett, Matthew Gunnis, Don Mahaffey and Matthew Haack; second row are Justin Wetmore, Jordan Anger, Ryan Wehlfeil, Jerry Vergona, Manny Maniaci, Gary Neill and Sean Murphy. The Wolves were coached by Rick Wetmore, Jerry Vergona, Jim Moore, Mike Murphy, John Gunnis and Robin Moore.

Wolves edge Grand Rapids in OT to win hockey title

It began as a season of 'great decisions', tough ones for hockey players who are only nine and 10 year olds.

At the beginning of the long and grueling campaign, officials cautioned the Wayne Wolves that "they had one non-resident too many in the lineup. Either they drop the non-resident player or they would be ruled ineligible to compete for the Mite Division title."

"It was a tough decision to make," said Rick Gawne, one of a small cadre of Wolves' coaches. "And we allowed the kids to make that decision."

The player, who happened to reside in Canton Township, understood the dilemma his teammates were in, and would accept their decision.

"The team voted to stick with the player," Gawne said. "It was a tough one to make, but they stuck to it. They would not be eligible to play for their divisional title."

"And we allowed the kids to make that decision."

The Wolves did not burn up the league this year, anyway. In fact, they had one of those so-so seasons.

That is, until last weekend when everything seemed to come together for them and the coaching staff.

Playing in the Mite Spring Showdown 2001 Tournament in Grand Rapids, the Wolves managed to win their first game by a narrow 4-3 score. Then, they went on to beat their second opponent, 4-2, to reach the semifinals.

In the semifinals, Duther Ford, was no problem as the

Wolves skated circles around them and won their third straight, 7-0. That put Wayne in the championship game against tournament favorite East Grand Rapids, a team that produces many of the star athletes for East Kentwood High School.

Both teams were ready for the showdown as each team exchanged two goals in the regulation periods which forced the ultimate decision to be reached in an overtime.

In that decisive OT, Manning Maniaci again came through for the local skaters as he scored his third goal of the game to break the tie and give the Wolves their first-ever hockey championship by a 3-2 score.

Manning managed to score 10 of the 18 goals recorded by his team during the four game series.

"We're proud of these kids and think they deserve some recognition," Gawne said.

No one will argue that point.

Long jumper Ray Graves is 'All-American'

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The 2001 high school track & field season may be in its infancy, but it has already produced an All-American.

Romulus High's Ray Graves, who led the Eagles to the state title a year ago, was awarded the coveted All-American title after he soared 23 feet, 2 inches in the long jump competition at a national meet.

Graves, a senior, who traveled to Europe a year ago to train and compete in Spain and Italy, is considered one of, if not the premier high school track & field athlete in the area this season.

Ironically, Graves did not win the gold for his 23'2" effort at the nationals.

"He tied the leader, and the rules in the event require that in the case of a tie you must go back to the next longest jump," explained coach Carl Lowe. "And the event leader had a better jump, so Ray had to walk away with the silver."

Lowe, a former Westland John Glenn track star, said that his team produced three other national qualifiers including Joey Wasson, who also qualified in the long jump and 60-meter high hurdles.

Fred Harbor, Chris Middlebrooks, Wasson and Graves qualified in the 800-meter relay.

Lowe said he was surprised that the Michigan Indoor State Meet, sponsored by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association, was staged after the national competition.

At the MITCA state meet, Graves proved again that he is one of the best long jumpers in the

"He tied the leader, and the rules in the event require that in the case of a tie you must go back to the next longest jump,"

"And the event leader had a better jump, so Ray had to walk away with the silver."

Carl Lowe
Romulus Track Coach

country by finishing second with a leap of 22'6".

In the 880 relay, Graves, Wasson, Harbor and Middlebrooks finished fourth in a time of 1:34.8.

Jerome Roeper and Wasson were slated to compete in the 60-meter high hurdles but they fell victim to false starts and were later disqualified.

Wasson was considered one of the favorites at the meet to win the gold. He has cleared the obstacles in an impressive 8:35 seconds.

The Split Second Track Club of Romulus has approximately 60 athletes, ranging from 4 1/2 years to 18.

"We received a lot of compliments from the rest of the running community in the state on the job we are trying to do here in Romulus," Lowe said.

"The coaching staff and the Romulus Recreation Department would like to thank all the kids and their parents who were involved in the parent this year," Lowe added.

Romulus softball registration deadline is set

Romulus Parks and Recreation officials continue to sign up teams this week for their summer softball and baseball programs.

Officials stress that men and women divisions will be organized if there is enough interest.

Managers and coaches may register their teams in the following

leagues:

The Monday/Wednesday Men's White Division, which plays its games on Field A, will be made up of eight teams that will play a 21-game schedule. Games will be conducted beginning at 6:30 p.m., 7:40, 8:50 and 10 p.m. There is a \$575

registration fee.

Officials also plan to organize a Monday/Wednesday Women's (White Division) league that will play on Diamond B. Eight teams are anticipated. There is a 14-game schedule. Games will be held at 6:30 p.m., 7:40, 8:50 and 10 p.m. To

sign up, managers will have to pay a \$375 entry fee.

Eight teams and a 14-game schedule is also planned for a Friday Men's Red Division (Field A) competitive league, officials say. The registration fee is \$475, and games will start at 6 p.m.

There are two other divisions on the drawing boards, according to recreation officials.

A Friday Men's Blue Division (Field B) Recreational League, made up of eight teams which will play 14 games. Registration fee is \$475. Also, a Sunday Men's Doubleheader White Division, with 10

teams and 18 games, also is planned.

Team managers or team representatives may contact the Romulus Recreation Department at 734-942-6852 for further information. There is an April 6 deadline to register teams.

Ex-Inkster star shines on Des Moines hoop team

A former Inkster High basketball star continues to shine on the pine in Des Moines.

Michael Williams, an All-Area guard and Mega Conference standout, is nailing the three-pointers to the cheers and raves of the Des Moines (Iowa) Area Community College fans.

Williams used his long range goal accuracy to help the Boone Bears post an outstanding sea-

son.

The 5-foot-10, 160-pound freshman guard connected on an incredible 31 of his 81 three-pointers this season.

Williams's 38 percent long-range accuracy was second best on the team. He was third for the Bears in overall steals with 44 and also posted 46 assists.

Williams averaged 7.8 points and 2.1 rebounds per game for

the Boone Bears, who set a record for most victories in a single season with 29. The Boone Bears lost only four this year.

Williams should come back home and help his Vikings who struggled throughout most of the 2000-2001 campaign because of a lack of manpower.

CMU gives Alumni Award to Canton woman

It was a unique honor and a prestigious award came attached with the local woman's achievement.

Ann L. Berry, of Canton Township, was named the recipient of the Central Michigan University's Alumni Commitment Award. The award was made recently during CMU's Academic Home-

coming program.

Berry, who graduated from CMU in 1987 with a bachelor of science degree in sports medicine, co-owns and is vice president of business operations for Tri-Rehab Inc. and Assured Medical Billing.

Berry also is the first female president of the Michigan Ath-

letic Trainers Society.

She was nominated for the award for her work as an advocate for the university and the sports medicine program.

In addition, Berry is a frequent guest speaker on campus and donated a piece of rehabilitation equipment valued at \$30,000 to the university.



Future NCAA hoop stars

All high school, college and professional athletes have to start somewhere, and for these basketball enthusiasts, it was at the Wick Basketball Clinic staged last week. Middle School hoop team members conducted the clinic that brought out a score of future NCAA stars. Participating in the clinic were Wick students Bryan Moore (first row, from left) Aaliyah Eastman, Winter Turner, Robert Wilson, Cierra Gasser, Charles Fountain, and Chris Szemak; In the second row are Larry Thomas, Middle School Physical Education Teacher; Derrick Dugan, Anthony Price, Shawn Perkins, Sam Tillman, Avery Stephenson, and Patrick Frison.

Last chance Semi-pro grid tryout Saturday

The final tryout for the Michigan Twisters, a semi-professional football team, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday (March 31) at the Wayne-Westland YMCA.

The YMCA is located at 827 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

Glenn Brothers, Twisters' general manager, said that seasoned players who wish to compete in an organized football conference this summer are welcomed to try out.

The tryout will consist of sever-

al physical endurance tests, including bench and standing press, vertical jump, 40-yard dash, a quarter-mile run, shuttle and agility drills.

"Prospective players should come prepared with the necessary equipment for a robust workout," stressed Brothers, whose teams have managed to come away with three divisional titles and have been ranked nationally.

There is a \$20 registration fee

which is payable at the time of registration.

Candidates must be 18 years old and have at least a high school diploma. Only serious applicants with proven football-playing experience are desired.

Any questions for additional information may be directed to Brothers who can be reached at 734-981-7141.

Wayne seeks softball players

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for its Wayne Youth Girls Softball League as well as for several other summer leagues.

Registration will be accepted daily from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, located at Howe and Annapolis Roads.

Registration is \$40 per player for residents; \$50 per player for

non-residents.

Recreation officials also announced that they are signing up prospective players for the Pee Wee League (ages 8-11); the Junior League (12-14) and the Senior League (15-18).

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department by dialing 734-721-7400.

Also, for figure skating fans, Wayne will present a figure skating ice show beginning April 6.

"School Days", presented by the Silver Picks, will be staged at the Wayne Ice Arena, on April 6 and April 7 at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:20 p.m. on April 8.

Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center and the Ice Arena.

Staffers need spring schedules

It could be the lingering snow and cold, but may be the delay is caused by the unwillingness to accept the fact that the high school basketball season is not over.

Whatever it is, some athletic directors have not forwarded their high school baseball, softball, track and tennis sports schedules

to the MCN Sports Desk.

Or is it the NCAA basketball tournament that is the culprit for the delay?

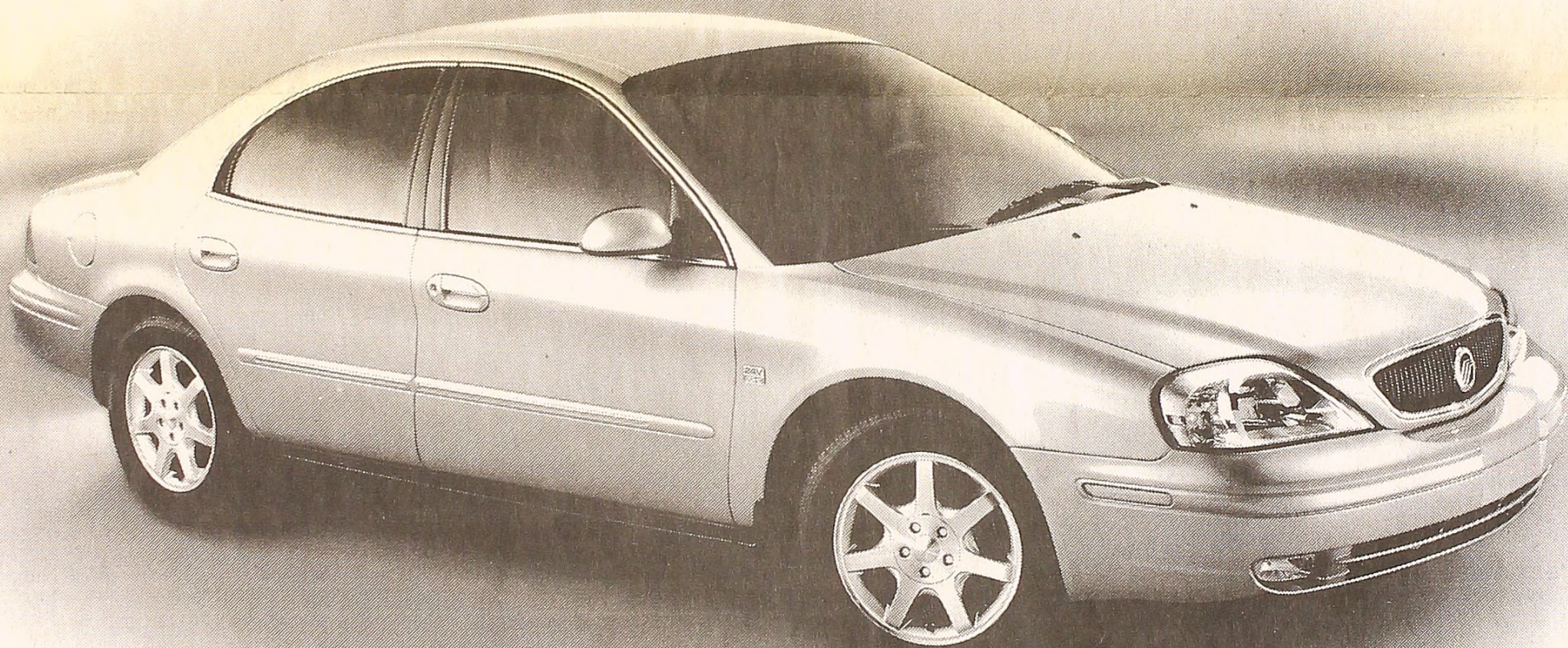
Whatever it may be, the Michigan Community Newspapers's Sports Staff again urges those AD's who have not mailed or faxed the information to the

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